



# 2022 ALABAMA MARINE INFORMATION CALENDAR

MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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# ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION

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The mission of the **Marine Resources Division (MRD)** is to manage the state's marine fishery resources through research, enforcement and education for the maximum benefit of the resources and the citizens of Alabama. **To accomplish the mission the Division is comprised of enforcement, fisheries and administrative sections.**

The **Enforcement Section** consists of 19 State Law Enforcement Officers primarily tasked with patrolling Alabama's shorelines, coastal waters and adjacent federal waters, enforcing state and federal laws and regulations relating to the conservation and protection of marine resources. Officers also enforce State laws relating to boating safety, hunting and freshwater fishing. They cooperate extensively with other federal and state agencies in the coordination of cooperative enforcement operations, investigative fisheries enforcement activities, training, public safety, search and rescue and other natural resource issues.

The **Fisheries Section** is responsible for making recommendations regarding fishery-related matters to managers. To meet this responsibility, fisheries staff conduct a variety of monitoring programs to gather data for many species of fish and invertebrates. These programs are divided into fishery-dependent and fishery-independent programs. The section also works with other

Gulf of Mexico state and federal agencies, as well as the public, to collect data through various projects to describe Alabama's marine resources and supply information and recommendations for managing these resources at state, regional and national levels. It also oversees a mariculture program located at the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center (CPMC). Various marine species have been spawned and/or reared at the CPMC to support stock enhancement projects, fish movement and growth studies and mariculture research.

The **Administrative Section** handles accounting, billing, payroll, license sales and public inquiries. The Division staff is housed at two facilities, one on Dauphin Island and the other in Gulf Shores. Combined, the two facilities support approximately 70 employees.



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## ON THE COVER



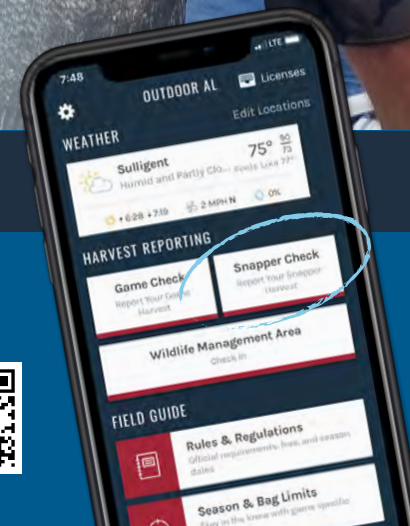
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# What is the Sport Fish Restoration Program?



The Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Program provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for finfish research, boating access and aquatic education projects. The program is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson) of 1950.

The SFR Program was created to restore and better manage America's declining finfish fishery resources and was modeled after the successful Wildlife Restoration Program. Through the purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels and import duties, the SFR Program is one of the most successful user pay, user benefit programs.

## What is the purpose?

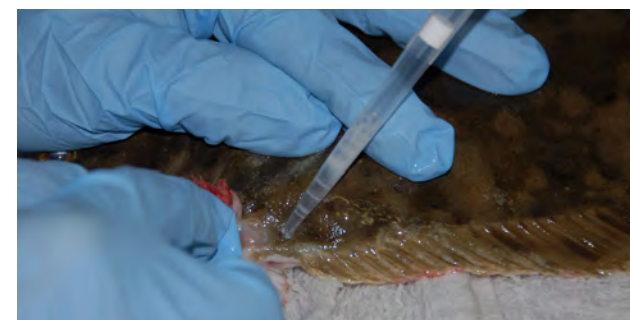
- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation.
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating.
- Provide aquatic education to the public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life.

## What are eligible projects?

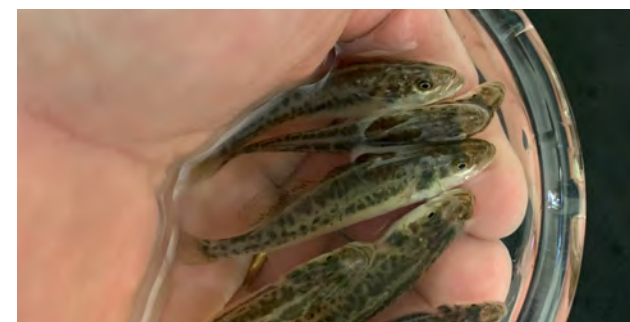
- Projects restoring, conserving, managing and enhancing sport fish having material value for sport or recreation.
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life and assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment.

## Where do SFR funds come from?

Excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties and interest are collected and appropriated to states and territories from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned based on a formula which includes land area and number of paid recreational fishing license holders.



» Hatchery biologists preparing Flounder for spawn

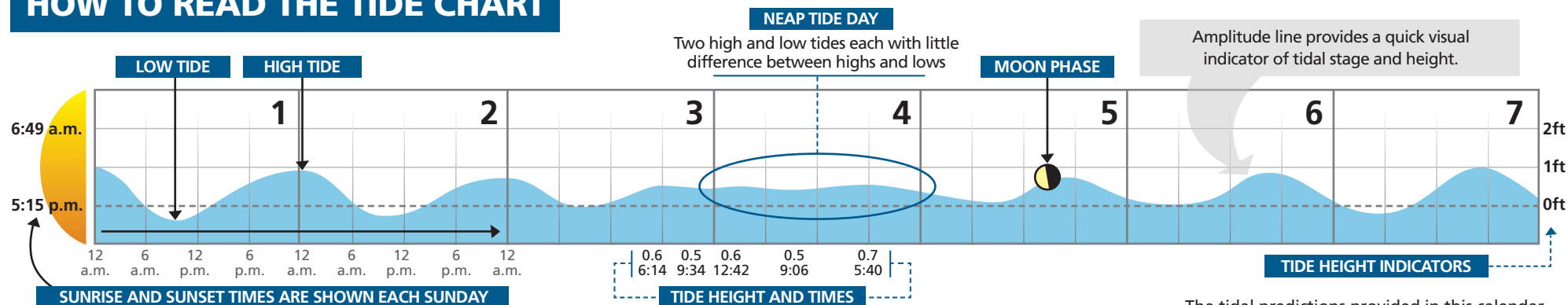


» Biologist work at the hatchery to increase the Speckled Trout species



» Newly improved boating access at Fort Morgan funded with the help of SFR Program

## HOW TO READ THE TIDE CHART



For the locations listed below, make the following adjustments:

**Fort Morgan:**  
add 00:05 - high  
add 00:17 - low

**Fowl River:**  
add 01:32 - high  
add 01:40 - low

**Bon Secour:**  
add 00:38 - high  
add 00:32 - low

**Point Clear:**  
add 00:48 - high  
add 00:52 - low

**Perdido Pass:**  
add 00:17 - high  
add 00:19 - low

**Mobile River:**  
add 01:48 - high  
add 01:48 - low

The tidal predictions provided in this calendar are for reference use only. Due to varying local conditions it should not be used for navigational purposes. Calculations allow for Daylight Savings Time. High and low water predictions are provided by the National Ocean Service.



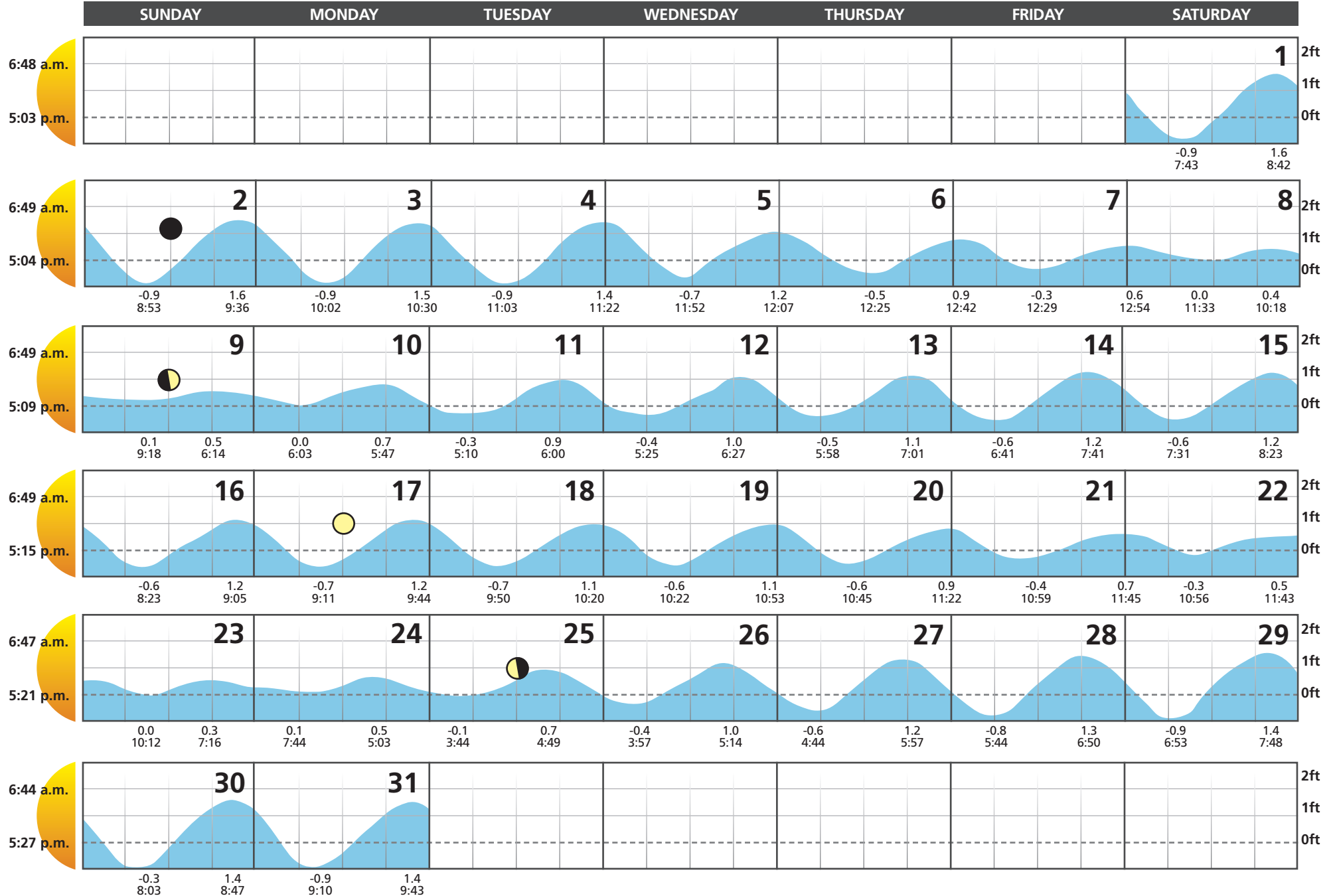
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● NEW MOON    ● FIRST QUARTER    ● FULL MOON    ● LAST QUARTER

# JANUARY 2022

Predictions are for Dauphin Island, AL at Fort Gaines.  
 Dauphin Island, AL ..... (30°14.5'N, 88°4.5'W)  
 For Perdido Pass: ..... High Tide: add 17 minutes  
 Low tide: add 19 minutes



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- AMRD Jurisdiction
- Circalittoral Reefs
- Gas Platform Reefs
- Existing Fishing Reef
- Nearshore Reef Zones
- Public Boat Ramp
- Private Boat Ramp
- Proposed Inshore Reefs
- Public Kayak Only



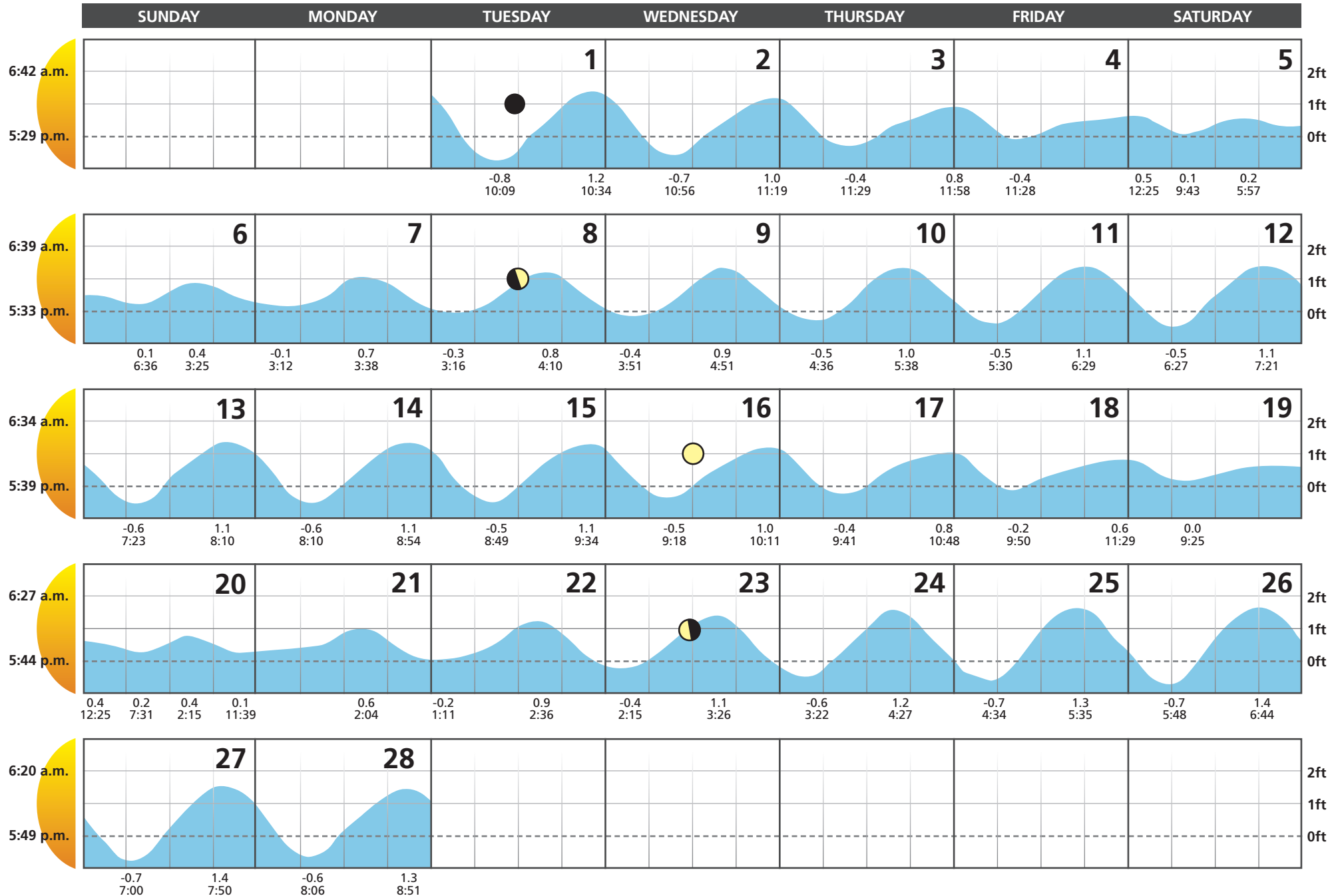
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# MANDATORY REPORTING

**NOW REQUIRED FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH, GREATER AMBERJACK, AND RED SNAPPER.**

**INFORMATION CAN BE REPORTED THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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■ Online at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com)



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MARK HOPWOOD



*Red Snapper*



DALTON TAYLOR



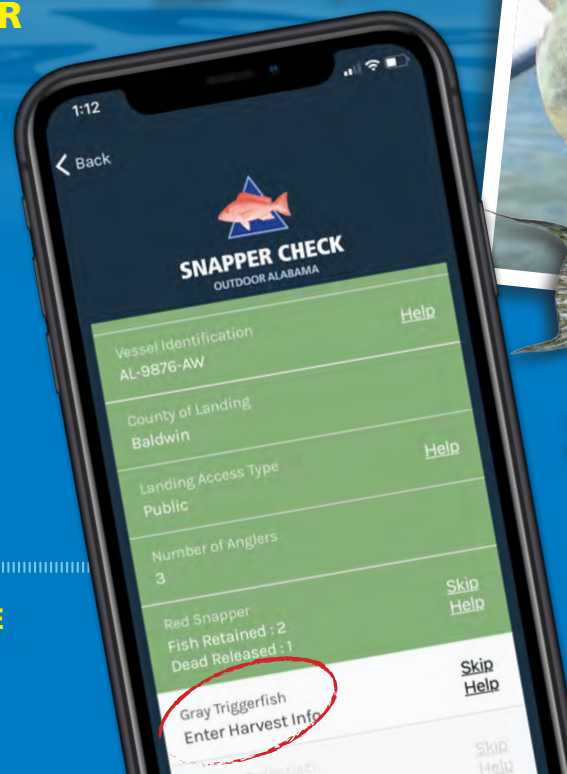
*Amberjack*



ZACHARIAH SPALDING



*Triggerfish*



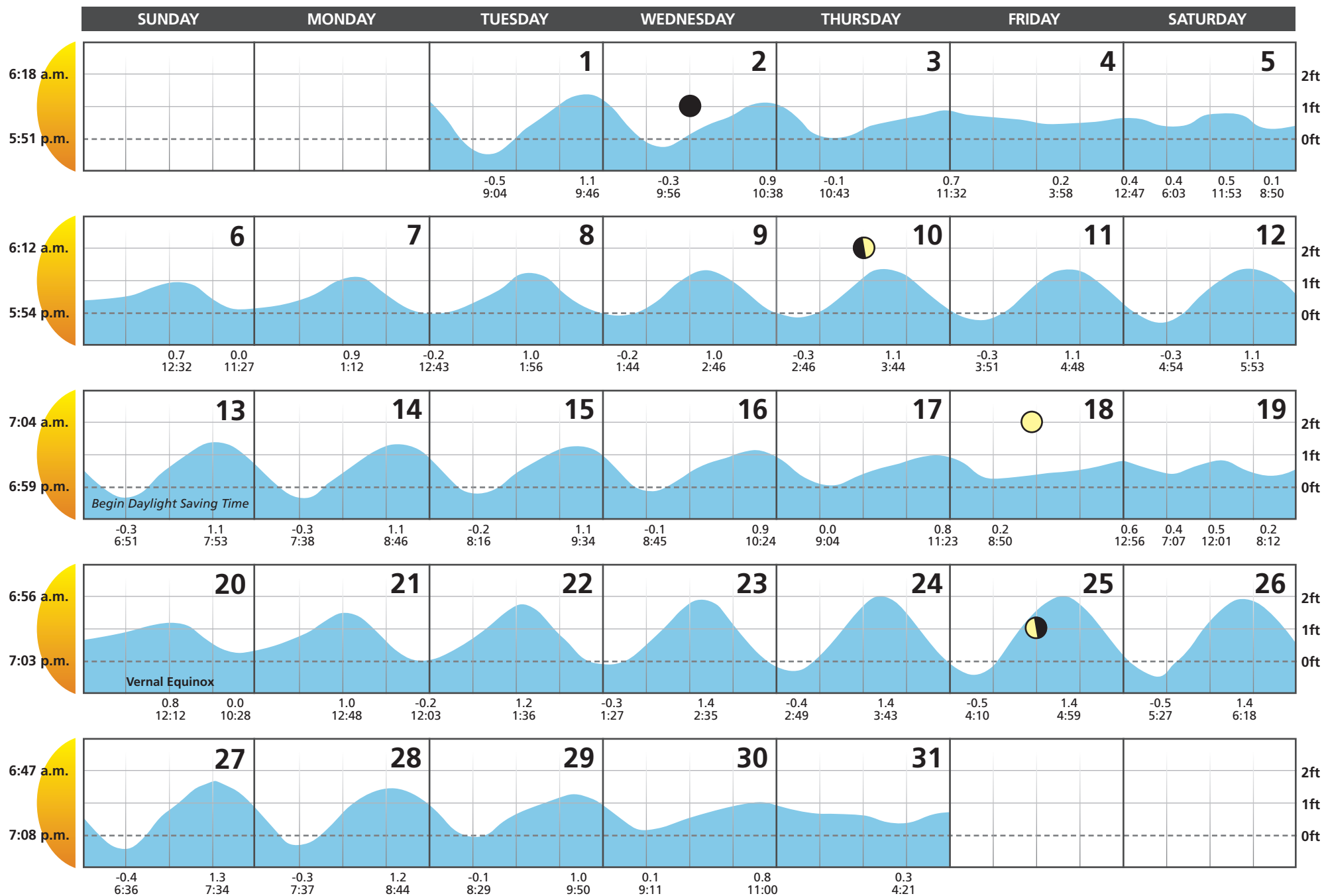
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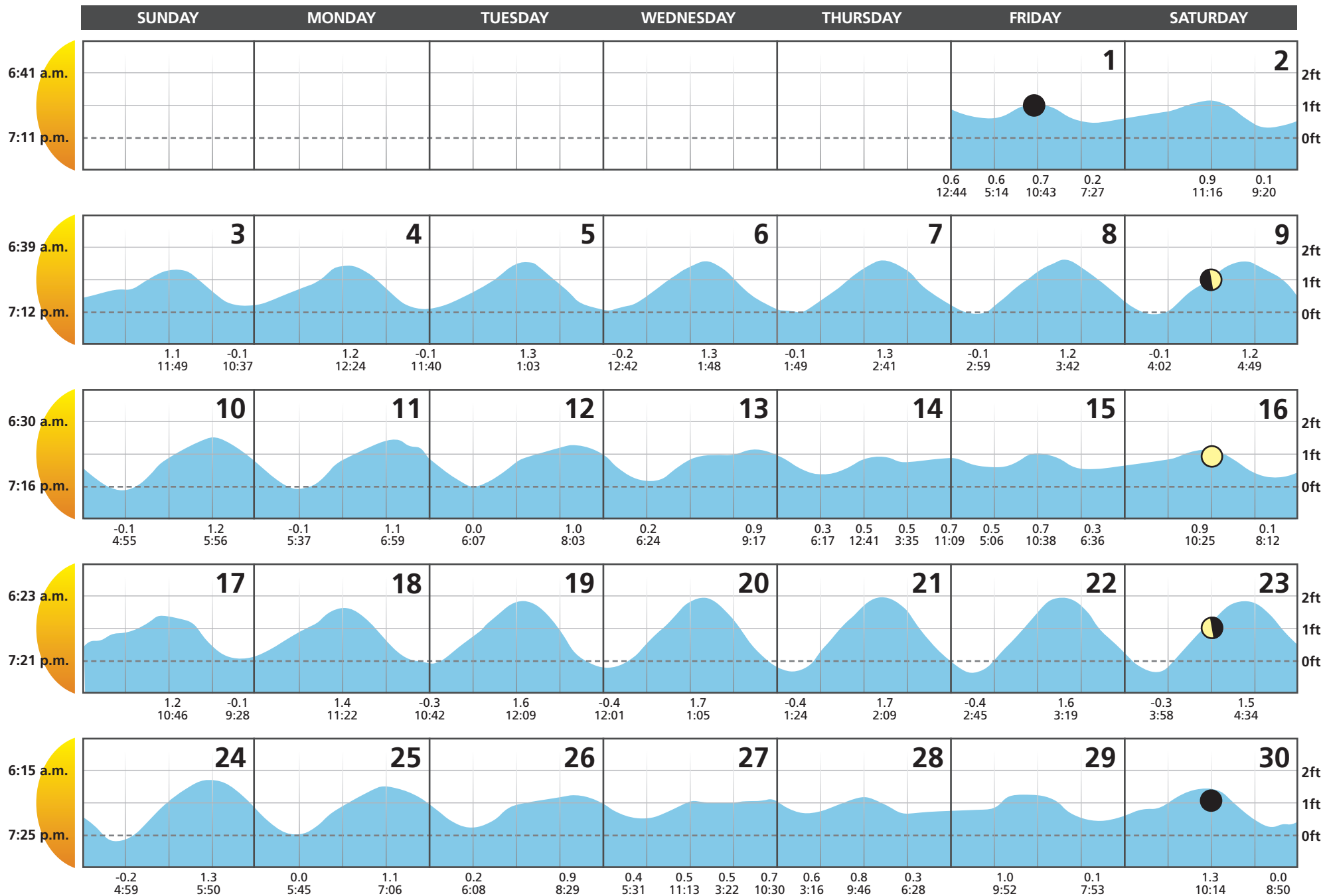


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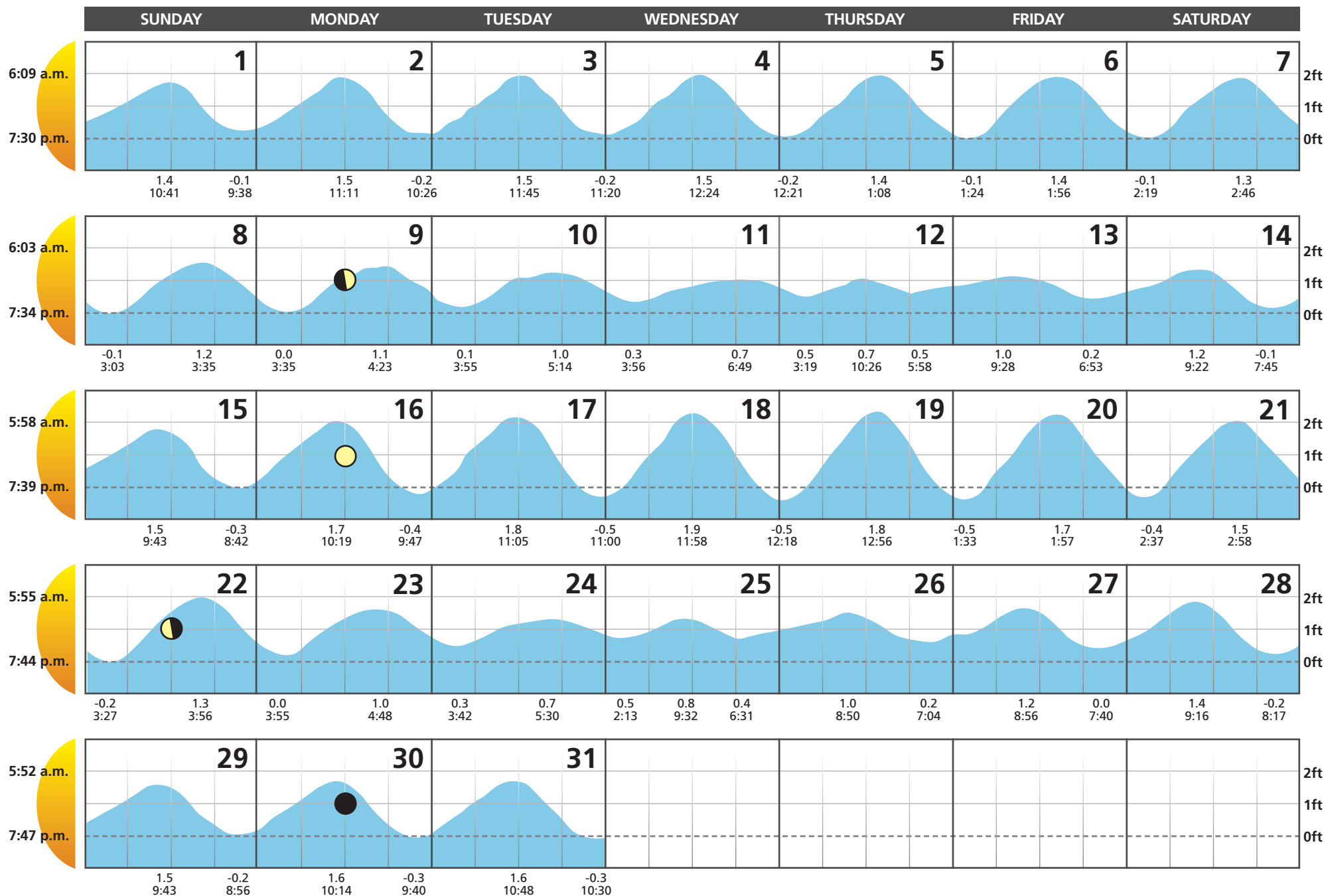




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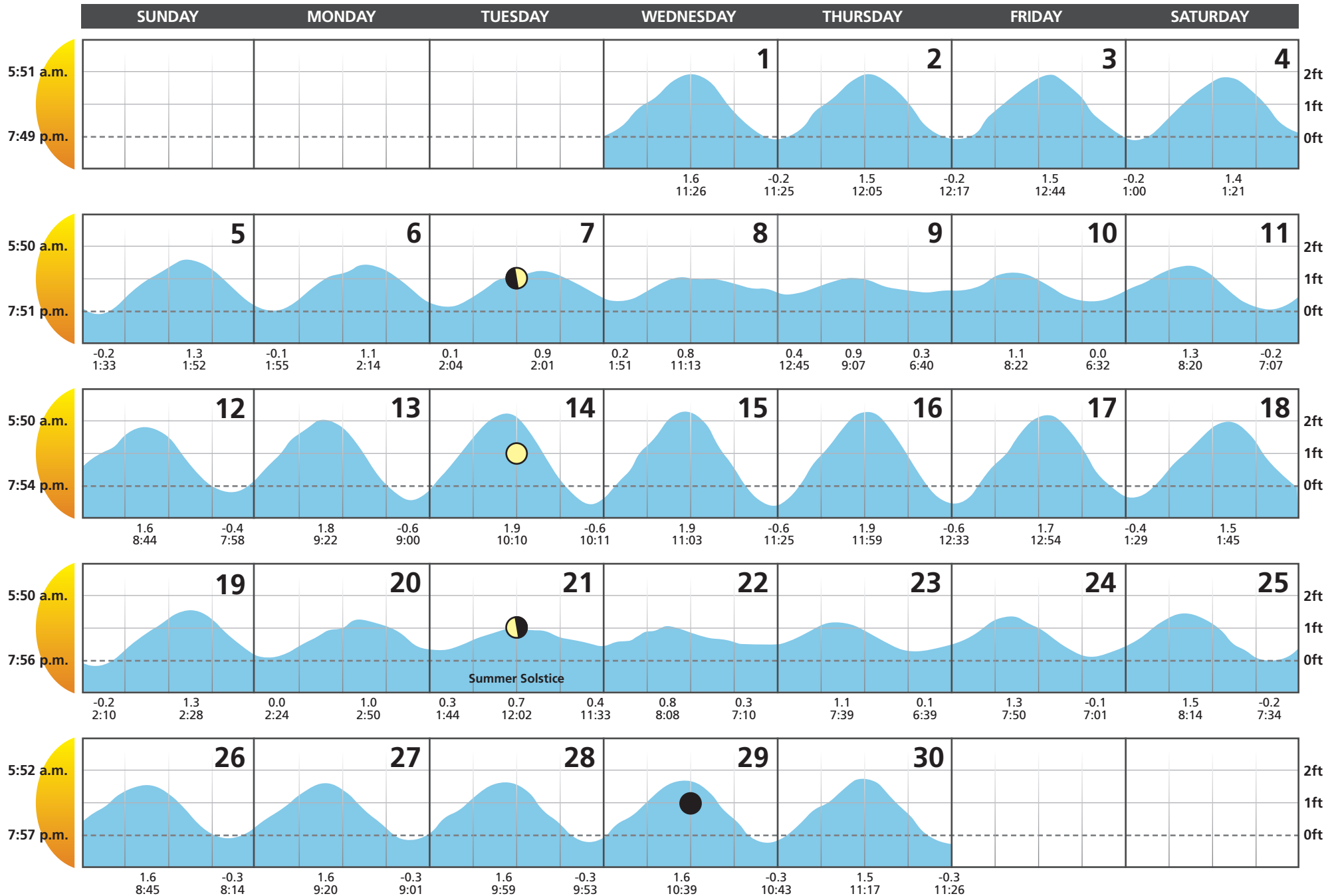


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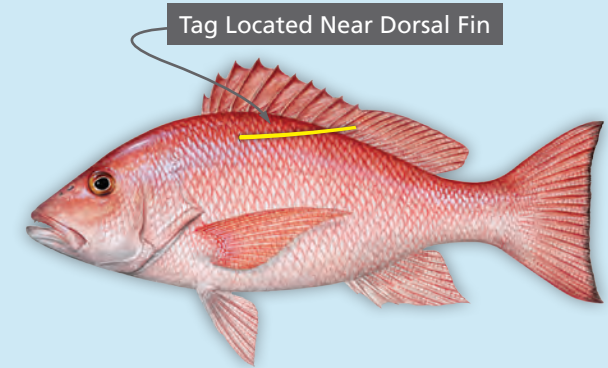
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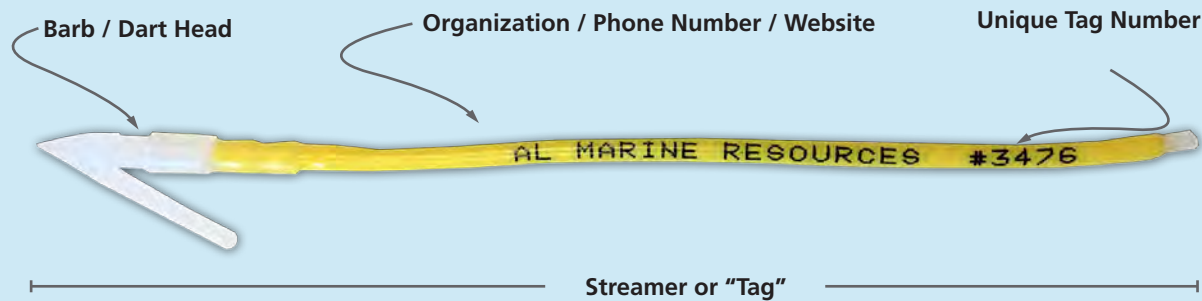


# Saltwater Tagging Program

The Alabama Marine Resources Division is conducting studies of reef fish. Biological staff from the Division will be tagging a variety of reef fish species including snappers, groupers, triggerfish, jacks, grunts and porgies. The Division's tags are a yellow streamer applied just below the fish's dorsal fin, in the left "shoulder." Text printed on the tag says "AL MARINE RESOURCES" with a 4-digit tag number and the Division's fish tag website.



## Example of an AMRD Tag



## IF YOU CATCH A TAGGED FISH IN ALABAMA WATERS

### RECORD THE FOLLOWING CAPTURE INFORMATION:

- Fish species, tag number, date of capture, fish length at the fork of the tail to the nearest 1/8 inch, specific catch location (GPS coordinates preferred), bottom depth, and type of capture if known.
- When releasing any fish, do NOT remove the streamer tag. Repeat captures of the same fish are possible. Simply record any of the above information about the fish that you are able to capture.
- Note any unusual circumstances regarding the catch (Ex: predator interactions, etc.).
- Pictures are welcome!
- RELEASE TAGGED FISH IF CAUGHT OUT OF SEASON**

## CURRENT FISH TAG PROGRAMS

Below is a list of other agencies with tagging programs along our gulf coast. Each program has specific data needs so be sure to check the tag and match to the appropriate program.

ORGANIZATION	TAG COLOR	IN SEASON LEGAL SIZE	OUT OF SEASON LESS LEGAL SIZE	REMOVE TAG?	KEEP CARCASS?	DATE & TIME	SPECIES	TAG NO.	FISH LENGTH	FISH WEIGHT	GPS COOR.	CONTACT INFO.	REWARD
ADCNR / MRD	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	DCNR.SWTags@dcnr.alabama.gov 251-968-7576	None
Auburn University	Red or Black	Keep & Report <sup>1</sup>	Release & Report	NO	YES <sup>2</sup>	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES <sup>3</sup>	251-990-4858	\$150 <sup>5</sup>
CCAA (Partnership w/ USouthAL)	Orange or Green	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat
Harta Research Institute	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES <sup>4</sup>	www.snappercount.org 361-825-2525	None
USouthAL Fisheries & Ecology Lab	Various Green / Gray	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat
USouthAL / AU High Dollar Red Snapper & Gray Triggerfish	Yellow	Keep & Report	Release & Report	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES <sup>4</sup>	RED@auburn.edu 855-818-9983	None
CCAA (Partnership w/ USouthAL) Cobia SAT. Tags	Black and Grey	Keep & Report	Release & Report	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	www.tags.usouthal.edu 800-372-5980	t-shirt / hat

<sup>1</sup> If a tagged shark is captured, it is requested to return shark alive with tag intact.

<sup>2</sup> Keep tag attached to fish. Gut cavity may contain transmitter.

<sup>3</sup> GPS Coordinates OR area on website map

<sup>4</sup> Include port of departure

<sup>5</sup> \$150 reward for fish carcass + tag. No reward for tag info from sharks.

To learn more about tagging programs, visit [outdooralabama.com/SWTAGPROGRAM](https://outdooralabama.com/SWTAGPROGRAM) or scan the QR code with your smartphone



# ALABAMA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES

A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons fishing or possessing fish in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and nonresidents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt.\*Residents may fish from a licensed public fishing pier in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.

- Annual and seven-day trip licenses are available for residents and non-residents.
- **Note:** Annual licenses expire August 31 of each year.
- Seven-day trip licenses are effective for 168 consecutive hours from the date and time of purchase.
- The saltwater fishing license is required for angling with rod and reel, artificial bait, lure, gig, cast net, bow, recreational crab traps and spearfishing.
- \*Alabama residents 65 and older, lifetime saltwater license holders, and those fishing from licensed public fishing piers must be registered with the Alabama Saltwater Angler Registry ([www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-registry](http://www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-registry)). This registry is FREE.
- **Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement** will be required for any person possessing, taking or attempting to take any gulf reef fish species listed in Rule 220-3-.46. This endorsement is required for all resident and non-resident anglers 16 years of age and older, and includes: disabled, veterans appreciation, 65 and older, lifetime license holders, pier licenses, annual saltwater licenses, trip licenses, commercial fisherman, and charter boats.

## 2021 SALTWATER LICENSE FEES

	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
<b>ANNUAL</b>	\$25.00	\$91.10	\$48.10	\$53.70
<b>TRIP</b>	\$10.40	\$29.60	\$30.10	\$29.60
<b>PIER</b>	\$6.50	\$12.10	\$12.10	\$12.10
<b>SPEARFISHING</b>	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
<b>DISABLED</b>	\$3.05	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>DISABLED VETERANS (20%)</b>	\$3.15	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>GULF REEF FISH ENDORSEMENT</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>LIFETIME GULF REEF FISH ENDORSEMENT</b>	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00

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# Commonly Caught Alabama Reef Fishes



## GRAY SNAPPER (BLACK/MANGROVE)

This is one of the few snappers found in shallow estuarine waters. Individuals may mingle with aggregates of pinfish or pigfish around wharfs.



## GAG GROUPE

Most "black grouper" from the Gulf are really gags. The placement of artificial reefs in shallow shelf waters of the Gulf in recent years has greatly enhanced the gag grouper fishery.



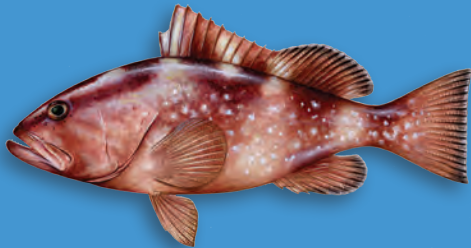
## LANE SNAPPER

The color of the lane snapper is the quick way to distinguish it from other snappers. It is a rich red color with 8-10 yellow-gold parallel horizontal stripes along the side, and a large black diffuse spot under the dorsal fin.



## RED SNAPPER

The Gulf of Mexico is the center of abundance for northern red snapper. This is one of the Gulf's most important fish species; about 13 million pounds are taken in United States waters annually. Its esteemed reputation as one of the finest food fishes in the world is well deserved.



## RED GROUPE

Red groupers are most abundant in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Most specimens taken by charter boat fishermen are in the 2- to 5-pound class, but red grouper may exceed 2 feet and 30 pounds. It is one of the more popular and commonly caught grouper species of the Gulf.



## GRAY TRIGGERFISH

The gray triggerfish is a wide-ranging fish in the western Atlantic. It is a very fine food fish, and is also a valuable commercial species.



## VERMILION SNAPPER (BEELINER)

This snapper favors rocky reefs in moderate to deep shelf areas. Groups amass on flatter tops of reefs or along gentler sloping reefs, avoiding steep drop-offs and ledges.



## ATLANTIC SPADEFISH

Spadefish are superb eating, and when the right spot is found along with a school in the right mood, a nice catch of pound-weight spadefish is a real possibility.



## GREAT BARRACUDA

Barracudas are voracious predators and hunt using a classic example of lie-in-wait or ambush. They rely on surprise and short bursts of speed (up to 30mph!) to overrun their prey.



## SCAMP

There is no doubt that scamp is one of the most highly esteemed food fishes in the Gulf. When served at the finest seafood restaurants, it commands a price comparable to red snapper or pompano.



## GREATER AMBERJACK

There are four varieties of amberjack: greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, Almaco jack, and banded rudderfish. Federal and state minimum sizes on amberjacks make it imperative that you release any little jacks of whose identification you're not absolutely certain.

# Commonly Caught Inshore and Coastal Pelagic Fishes



## KING MACKEREL

The largest of the mackerels in our region, reaching 6 feet in length and up to 80 pounds. Throughout most of the Gulf, the king is a favorite offshore game fish.



## FLORIDA POMPANO

The Florida pompano commands the highest price per pound of any marine food fish in the continental U.S. Favorite foods are small shelled animals living in the upper layers of sandy bottoms.



## COBIA (LING)

Cobia are attracted to large objects, including buoys, ships, sharks, turtles, and giant rays. This fish has many common names including cobia, cabio, ling, lemon fish and crabeater.



## SHEEPSHEAD

One of the largest members of the porgy family, sometimes exceeding 2 feet and 10 pounds. Though difficult to clean, its mild flavor rates high on the list of Gulf fishes. The gray-black vertical bars on its side make it easy to identify.



## TRIPLETAIL (BLACKFISH)

One way to catch is by using long cane poles and live bait, lowering the bait within a perimeter of pilings, buoys or other obstructions. If nothing strikes in a few minutes, it's on the next spot.



## SPANISH MACKEREL

Spanish mackerel are fast-moving, voracious predators favoring shallow shelf waters. Sardines, especially anchovies, are their main staple, and their presence and abundance is often reflected by that of the anchovy schools.



## SAND & SILVER SEATROUT (WHITE TROUT)

Small for sportfish, usually topping out at about 14 to 16 inches, and a couple of pounds, they are highly regarded for their sporting nature and flesh quality. Lumped together, they are known locally as "white trout."



## BLUEFISH

Blues prefer shallow water near drop-offs from shoals and banks and are especially susceptible to flashy lures and spoons. Be careful: bluefish can easily remove a finger, bone and all, in a single, clean snap.



## RED DRUM (REDFISH)

One of the largest drums, often exceeding a yard in length and 30-40 pounds. Big "bull" reds prefer offshore waters or deeper waters of estuaries, but younger "rat" reds frequent the shallows near piers and jetties. They prefer shellfish, but will not pass up a good chunk of fish if offered.



## ATLANTIC CROAKER

The flesh is of high quality, far superior to its reputation as only a mediocre panfish. Its name is derived from the croaking sound generated by the vibrating of a gas-filled swim bladder.



## SPOTTED SEATROUT (SPECKLED TROUT)

Spotted seatrout feed primarily on fishes and larger shellfish. Because they rely on vicious rapid first strikes to dismember their prey, they are noted as heavy hitters on artificial lures.

# Recreational Size and Creel Limits for Alabama State Waters

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sheepshead	12" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	10 per person	Black Grouper <sup>3, 5</sup>	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
Spotted Seatrout	15" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	6 per person	Yellowfin Grouper <sup>3, 5</sup>	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
	22" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed	Scamp <sup>3, 5</sup>	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person <sup>5</sup>
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person	Snappers <sup>3</sup>		
	26" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed	Red	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person
Cobia (Ling)	36" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	2 per person	Gray (mangrove, black)	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
King Mackerel	24" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	3 per person	Vermilion (beeliner)	10" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Spanish Mackerel	none	15 per person	Lane	8" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	<sup>4</sup>
Florida Pompano	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person	Gray Triggerfish <sup>3</sup>	15" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person <sup>4</sup>
Tripletail (Blackfish)	18" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person	Tarpon	60" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	\$61 tag required (each)
Flounder <sup>1</sup>	14" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	5 per person	Mullet	none	<sup>6</sup>
Striped Bass <sup>2</sup>	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>2</sup>	Sharks		
Greater Amberjack <sup>3</sup>	34" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person	Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead	none	1 per person per day
Lesser Amberjack	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	<sup>4</sup>	Hammerhead, Great	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Banded Rudderfish	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	<sup>4</sup>	Hammerhead, Smooth	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Yellowfin Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	3 per person	Hammerhead, Scalloped	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Bigeye Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	no creel limit	Mako, Shortfin	71" min FORK LENGTH (FL) (M)	1 per person per day
Gag Grouper <sup>3, 5</sup>	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>5</sup>		83" min FORK LENGTH (FL) (F)	
Red Grouper <sup>3, 5</sup>	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person <sup>5</sup>	All Other Shark Species	54" (FL) (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

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## ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED WITH THE HEAD AND FINS INTACT

- <sup>1</sup> The taking or possession of flounder from Nov. 1 - 30 is prohibited.
- <sup>2</sup> Only two striped bass are allowed within Marine Resources Division jurisdiction.
- <sup>3</sup> Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.
- <sup>4</sup> There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.
- <sup>5</sup> Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit: 4 per person (No more than 2 red grouper and no more than 2 gag grouper included in aggregate).
- <sup>6</sup> Oct. 24 - Dec. 31, 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River and their tributaries.

**PROHIBITED SPECIES:** Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapagos Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Nurse Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Large-tooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta, Sixgill Shark, Silky Shark, Sandbar Shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar shark research permit).

[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/bulletins](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/rules-and-announcements/bulletins)

## FISH MEASUREMENT

**TL** = TOTAL LENGTH  
**FL** = FORK LENGTH  
**CFL** = CURVED FORK LENGTH

### USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF A FISH:

- For total length (TL) place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed. Squeeze tail together and turn it in such a way to obtain maximum total length.
- For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
- For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible ruler from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail.

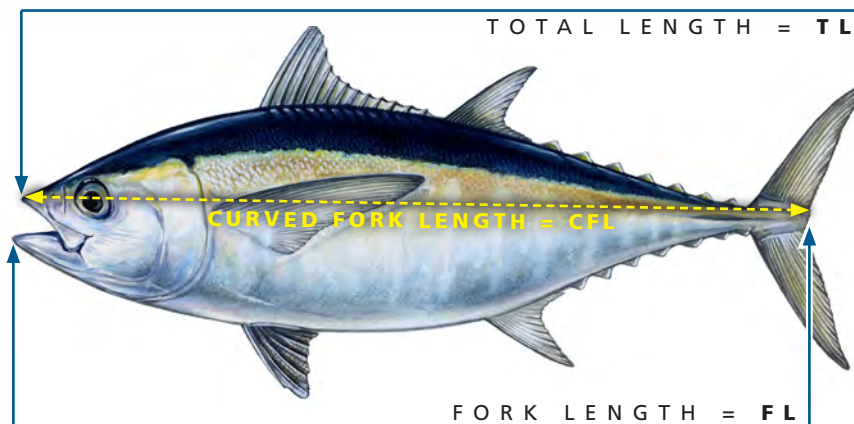


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## REGULATIONS

All fishing regulations are subject to change so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes:

Gulf Shores ..... (251) 968-7576  
Dauphin Island ..... (251) 861-2882  
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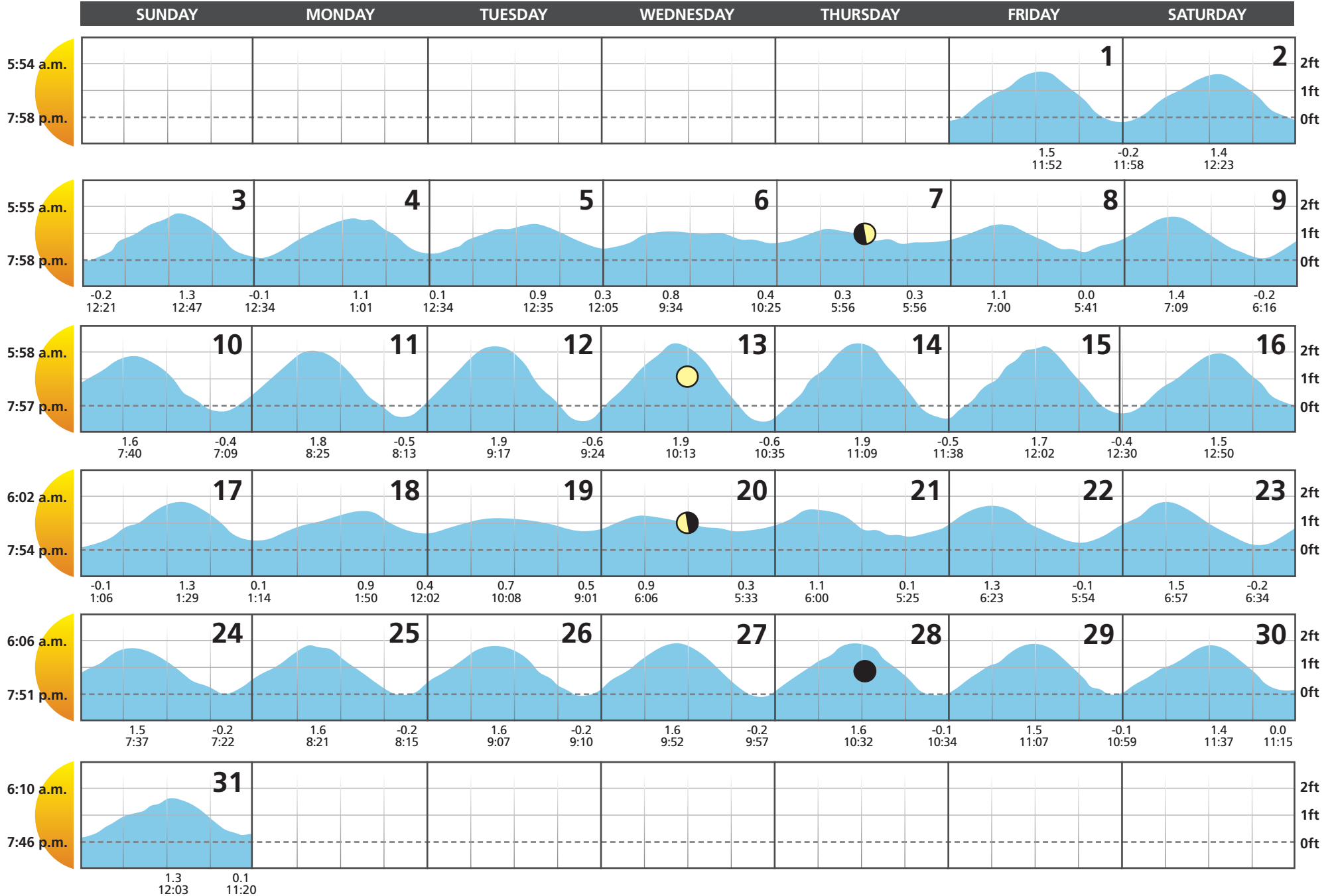
## REPORT VIOLATIONS

MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION ..... (251) 476-1256

● NEW MOON    ● FIRST QUARTER    ● FULL MOON    ● LAST QUARTER

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# SPANISH MACKEREL AND KING MACKEREL

## HOW TO TELL THEM APART

Both young **King Mackerel** and **Spanish Mackerel** have a similar shape and coloration. Because these fish often school together and feed on similar prey, anglers should know how to identify each species because size and creel limits vary. Anglers usually rely too much on the presence of spots to identify Spanish and King Mackerels. Because of this mistake, the following are common violations:

- Possession of undersized King Mackerel
- Possession of more than three kings per angler

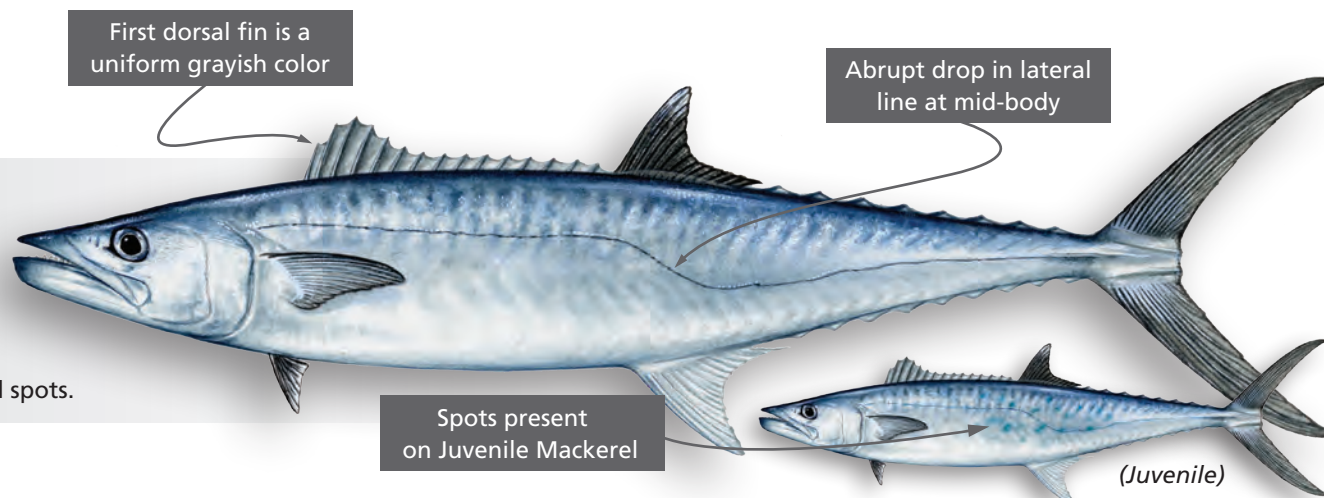
### KING MACKEREL

**SIZE LIMIT:** Minimum 24-inch fork length

**CREEL LIMIT:** 3 per person

#### KING MACKEREL

- Lateral line takes an abrupt drop at mid-body.
- First (spiny) dorsal fin is a uniform grayish color. As both species usually keep this fin folded back in a groove, this difference is not always apparent.
- Fish up to 30 inches have brassy or greenish colored spots.



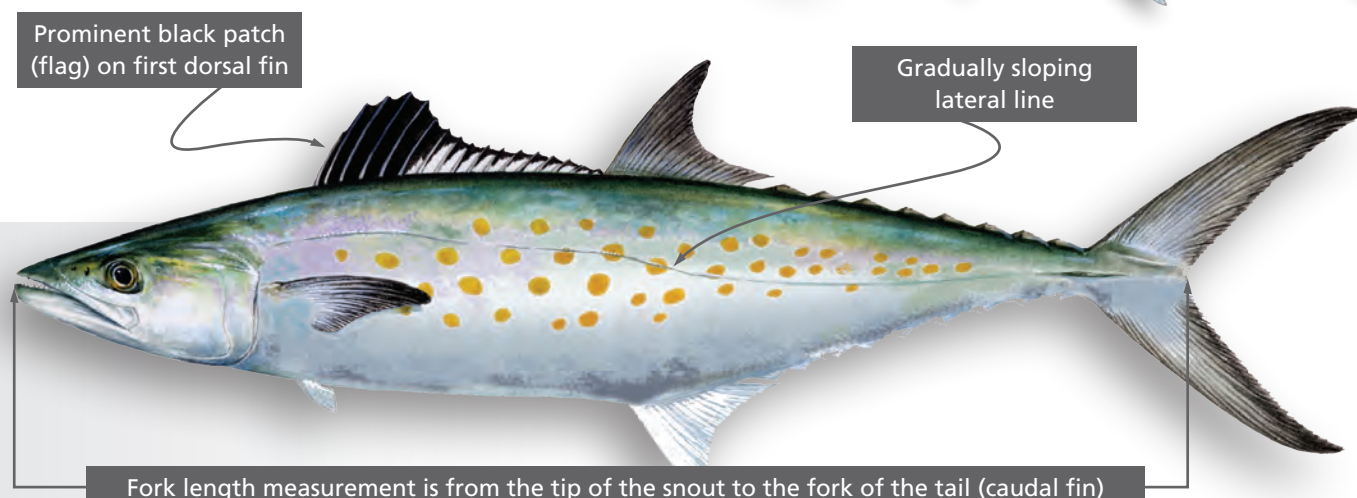
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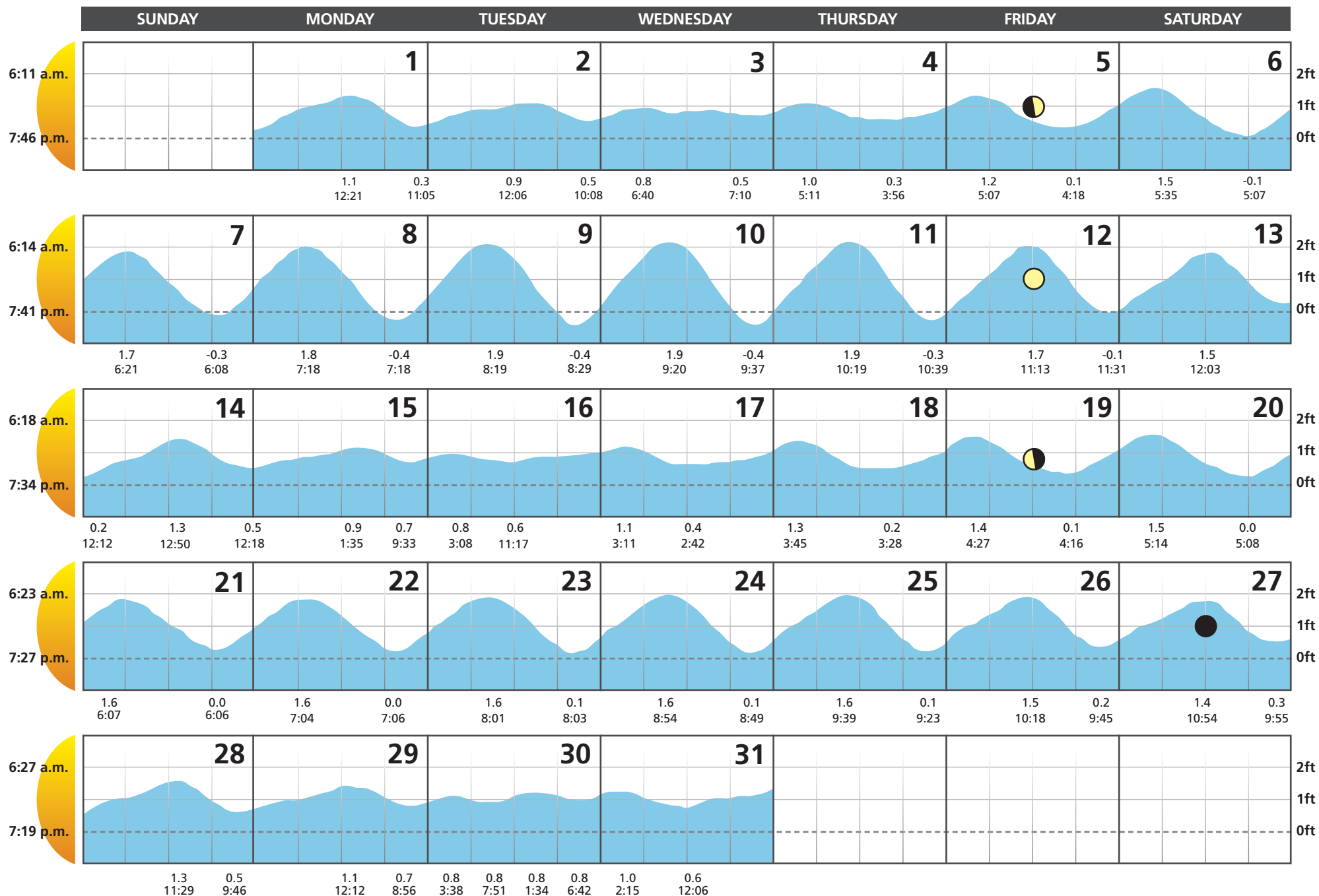
**SIZE LIMIT:** None in Alabama waters; 12-inch fork length in federal waters.

**CREEL LIMIT:** 15 fish per person; same for Alabama and federal waters.

#### SPANISH MACKEREL

- Lateral line gradually slopes from the top edge of gill to the tail.
- First (spiny) dorsal fin has a prominent black patch.
- All sizes have distinct yellow spots along the body.





# 2021 STATE RECORD FISH



**Thomas Johnson Jr.**  
ANGLER  
**Gulf Flounder**  
SPECIES  
**5 lbs. 1.28 oz.**  
WEIGHT



**Kyle Davis**  
ANGLER  
**Little Tunny**  
SPECIES  
**22 lbs. 4 oz.**  
WEIGHT



**William Tyler Cruitt**  
ANGLER  
**Keeltail Pomfret**  
SPECIES  
**29.44 lbs.**  
WEIGHT



**Tyler Van't Hoff**  
ANGLER  
**Almaco Jack**  
SPECIES  
**52 lbs. 14 oz.**  
WEIGHT



**Bennie Ray Goldman, Jr.**  
ANGLER  
**Horse-Eye Jack**  
SPECIES  
**28 lbs. 1 oz.**  
WEIGHT

**DID YOU CATCH A STATE RECORD FISH?**  
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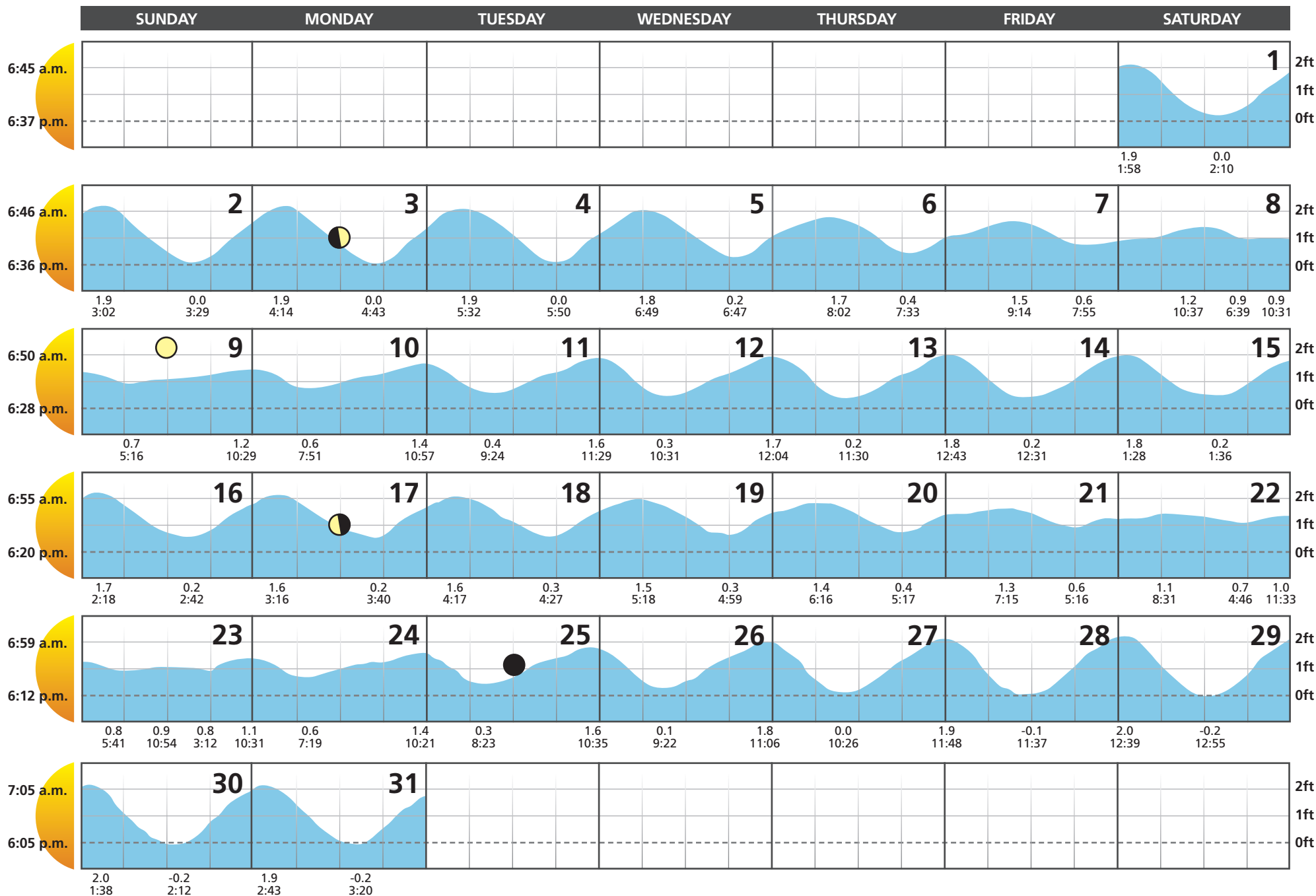


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# SPECIAL REPORTING CONTACTS



## FISH KILLS

Alabama Marine Resources Division  
Dauphin Island ..... (251) 861-2882  
Gulf Shores ..... (251) 968-7576

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time fish kill was observed
- Location of fish kill
- Contact information of reporting party
- Species of fish involved
- Approximate number of fish



## DOLPHINS AND WHALES

Alabama's Marine Mammal  
Stranding Network  
Call 1-877-942-5343

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Estimated size of the animal
- General description of the animal



## TURTLE STRANDINGS

Alabama Sea Turtle Stranding  
and Salvage Network  
Call 1-866-732-8878

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Health of the animal (alive or dead)
- General description of the animal

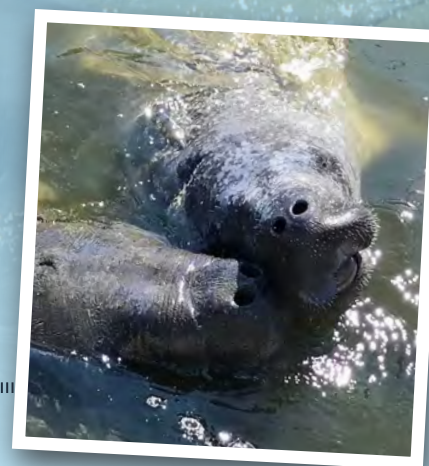


## MANATEE SIGHTINGS

Dauphin Island Sea Lab's  
Manatee Sighting Network  
Call: 1-866-493-5803  
Email: [manatee@disl.org](mailto:manatee@disl.org)  
Online: [manatee.disl.org](http://manatee.disl.org)

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time of sighting
- Location of sighting
- Contact information of reporting party
- Number of animals and approximate size
- Any distinguishing marks or scars
- What they were doing
- How they were spotted
- Volunteer photos (if taken)



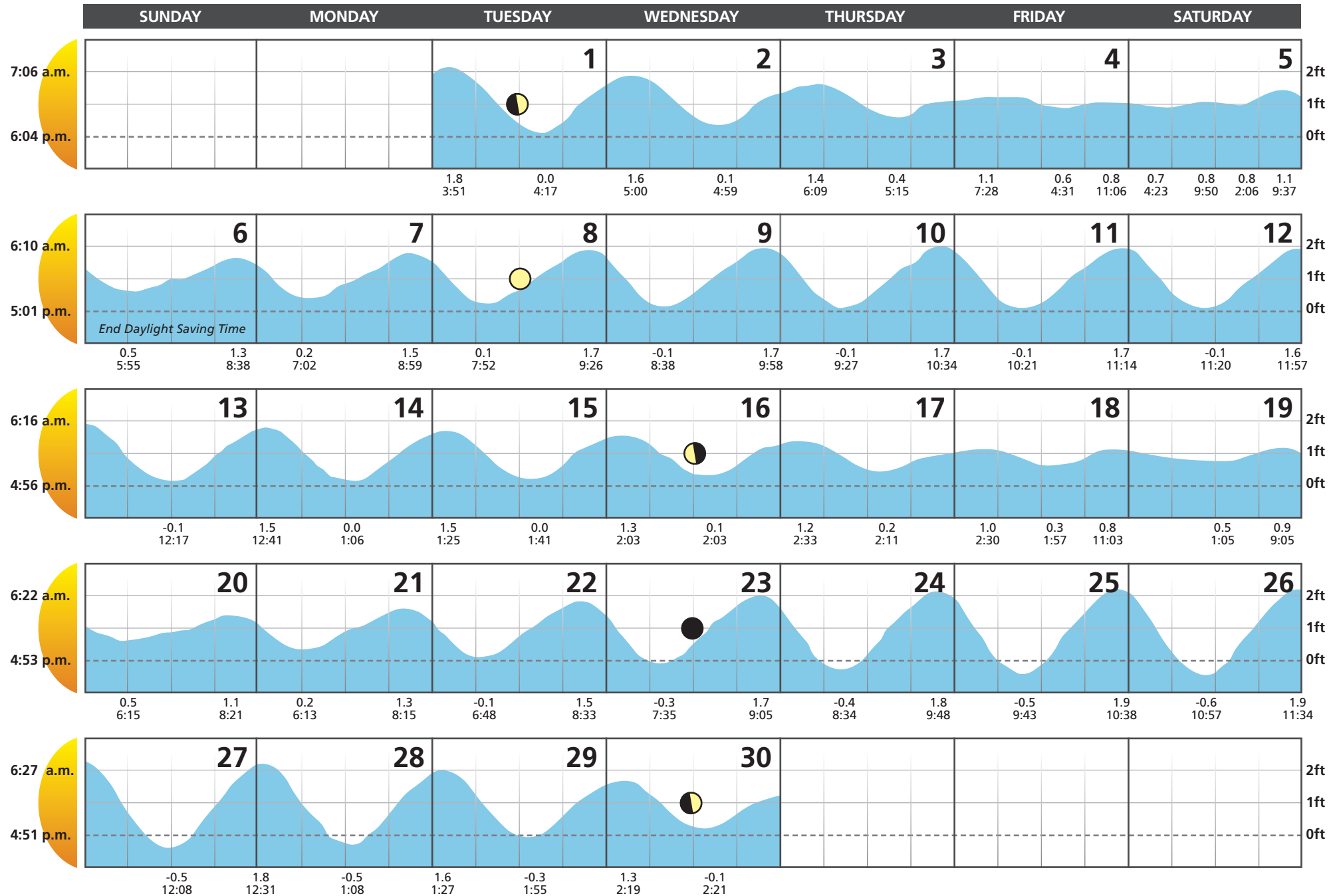
## DID YOU KNOW?

Manatees are protected under the **Federal Endangered Species Act**. Manatees are also protected under the **Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act**. Both of these laws make it illegal to "take" (e.g., harass, touch, feed, or water, chase, etc.) manatees.

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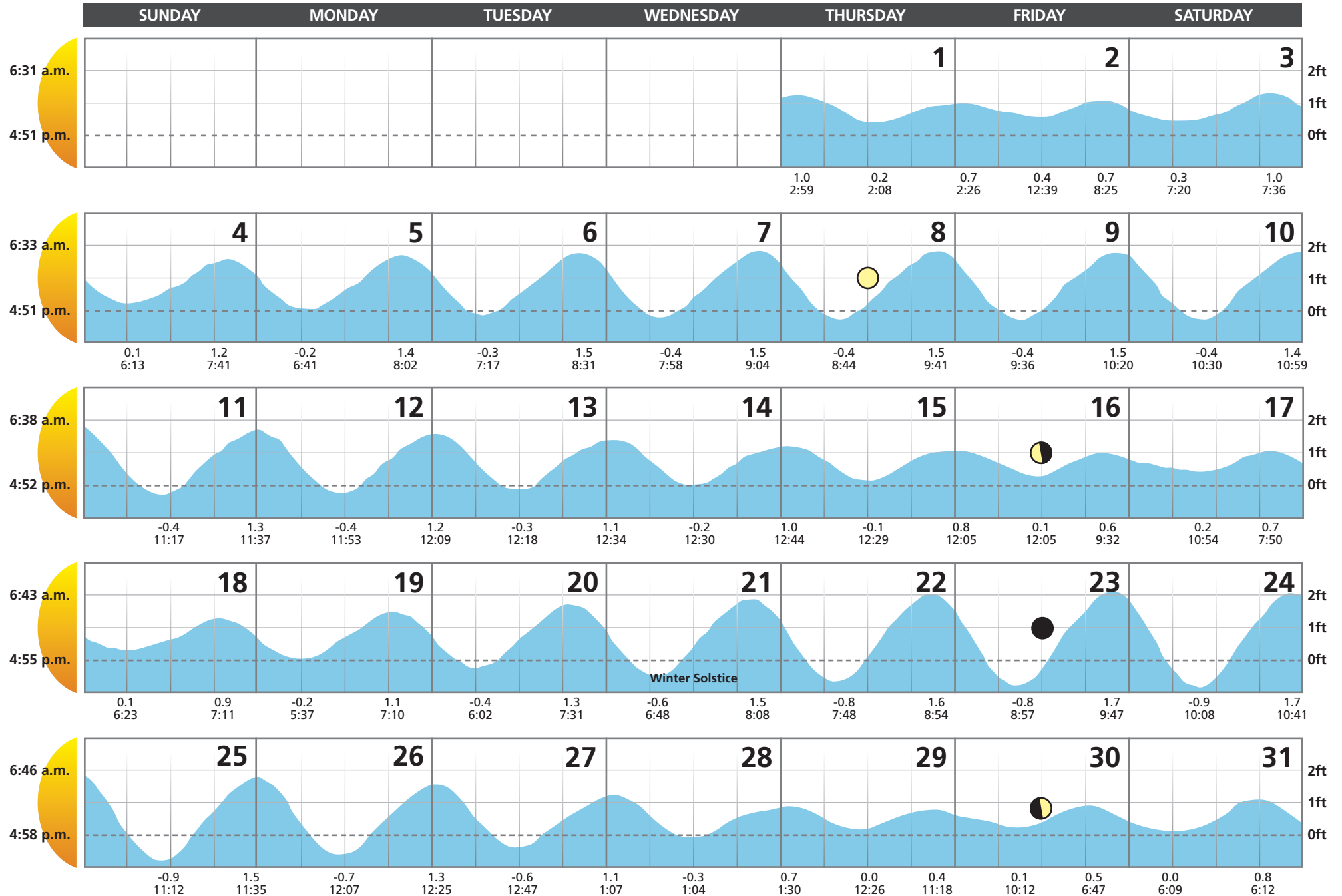
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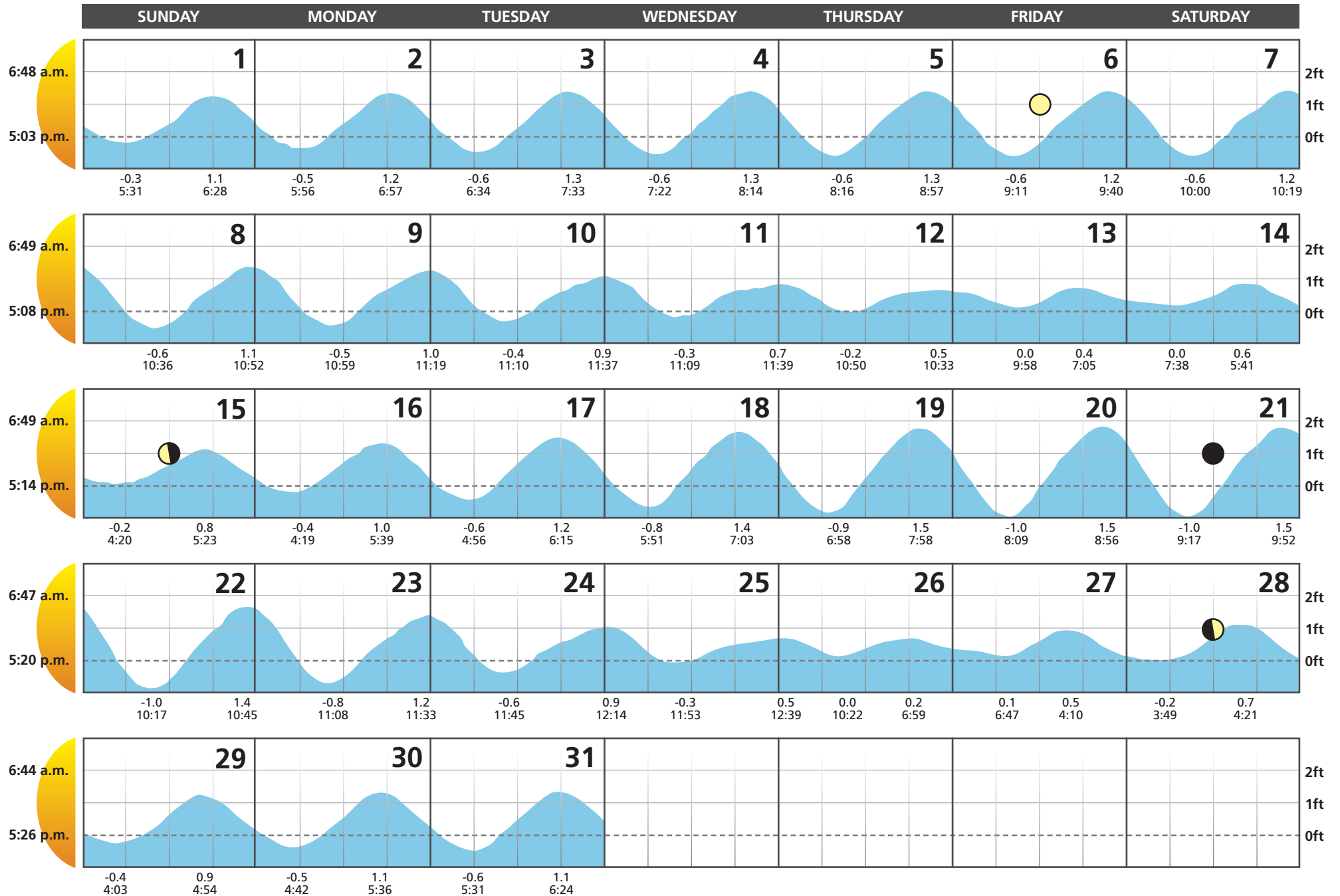
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# 2021 ALABAMA RECORD SALTWATER FISH

\*CAUGHT WITH ELECTRIC REEL NOTE: NO FUTURE POWERED REEL SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
RECORDS UPDATED SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
AMBERJACK, GREATER	AMBERJACK	BRIAN S. ANDREWS	CITRONELLE, AL	8/2/2019	132 lbs. 12.8 oz.
ANGELFISH, BLUE	SAME	LILLI COOPER	WAVERLY, IA	7/28/2018	3 lbs. 9.28 oz.
BARRACUDA, GREAT	BARRACUDA	STEVEN HAWKINS	MOBILE, AL	7/15/2005	52 lbs. 4 oz.
BARRELFISH	SAME	RICKIE DAVID POSEY	DEATSVILLE, AL	7/12/2009	25 lbs. 6 oz.
BASS, LONGTAIL	SAME	DAYNA BOWLES	DUNCAN, OK	3/19/2010	5 lbs. 14 oz.
BASS, STRIPED	STRIPER	BILLY HENDERSON	FAIRFIELD, AL	6/22/1976	55 lbs. 0 oz.
BIGEYE	BIGEYE SNAPPER	YANO FRANCIS SERRA	CODEN, AL	6/28/2006	3 lbs. 2 oz.
BLUEFISH	SAME	ALICIA WALIMAA	MERIDIAN, MS	6/5/2004	17 lbs. 4 oz.
BONITO, ATLANTIC	SAME	JOE ZOLCZYNSKI	FAIRHOPE, AL	12/31/1994	5 lbs. 5 oz.
BROTULA, BEARDED	SAME	MICHAEL T. DOWDY	MOBILE, AL	8/9/1997	19 lbs. 8 oz.
CATFISH, GAFFTOPSAIL	GAFFTOP	CHRISTIAN E. BUTTS	PACE, FL	10/30/2015	12 lbs. 7.4 oz.
CATFISH, HARDHEAD	SEACAT	COLE REED KLEFFMAN	SEYMOUR, IN	10/9/2018	3 lbs. 3OZ
CHUB, BERMUDA	SAME	SHERMAN SMITH	SILVERHILL, AL	6/17/2006	10 lbs. 5 oz.
CHUB, YELLOW	SAME	THOMAS D. JONES	DAPHNE, AL	10/22/2003	7 lbs. 4 oz.
COBIA	LING	BENJAMIN ELBERRY FAIREY	PENSACOLA, FL	4/18/1995	117 lbs. 7 oz.
CORNETFISH, RED	SAME	MIKE SULLIVAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	8/25/2019	2 lbs. 1 oz.
CREOLEFISH, ATLANTIC	CREOLEFISH	ROBERT JORDAN BARNHILL	ROBERTSDALE, AL	7/7/2018	3 lbs. 5 oz.
CROAKER, ATLANTIC	CROAKER	CARL N. BILLINGS	MOBILE, AL	8/26/2000	5 lbs. 8 oz.
CUTLASSFISH, ATLANTIC	RIBBONFISH	JOHN ROBERT FRAIN	CUMMING, GA	6/5/2015	3 lbs. 5 oz.
CUBBYU	SAME	CAROLINE ANN ENNIS	GULF BREEZE, FL	7/13/2013	2 lbs. 3.7 oz.
DOCTORFISH	SAME	PAVEL MALANCEA	ROBERTSDALE, AL	9/13/2007	1lb. 4 oz.
DOGFISH, SMOOTH	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	5/24/2016	17 lbs. 11.20 oz.
DOLPHINFISH	DOLPHIN/MAHI MAHI	ASHTON TROY MABIRE	PENSACOLA, FL	5/26/2007	65 lbs. 8 oz.
DOLPHINFISH, POMPAÑO	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/2012	4 lbs. 2 oz.
DRUM, BLACK	BLACK DRUM	ROBERT DEAN DISNEY	IRVINGTON, AL	4/20/2002	61 lbs. 0 oz.
DRUM, RED	REDFISH	AL MEAD	THEODORE, AL	7/19/2013	45 lbs. 9 oz.
EEL, SPOTTED SPOON-NOSE	SAME	BRAD ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	7/12/2008	1lb. 4 oz.
ESCOLAR	SAME	JOHN CHARLES MCCANN	LOGANVILLE, GA	6/8/2008	69 lbs. 10 oz.
FILEFISH, UNICORN	SAME	WILLIE LEE BROWN SR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/12/1991	8 lbs. 8 oz.
FLOUNDER, GULF	SAME	THOMAS C. JOHNSON JR.	DAWSONVILLE, GA	9/23/2021	5 lbs. 1.28 oz.
FLOUNDER, SOUTHERN	SAME	PETE C. MELECH	MOBILE, AL	10/15/1975	13 lbs. 3 oz.
GROUPE, BLACK	SAME	DAVID MARK POSSIEN	NORTHPORT, AL	8/11/2012	106 lbs. 3.2 oz.
GROUPE, GAG	GAG	JERE AUSTILL, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1963	74 lbs. 8 oz.
GROUPE, RED	SAME	MICHAEL DALE SARGENT, JR.	FULTON, MO	3/23/2002	34 lbs. 9.6 oz.
GROUPE, SCAMP	SCAMP	ROBERT ANDREW CONKLIN	MOBILE, AL	7/22/2000	29 lbs. 10 oz.
GROUPE, SNOWY	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	3/1/2014	68 lbs. 7 oz.
GROUPE, WARSAW	WARSAW	MICHAEL J. DRIVER	PENSACOLA, FL	7/18/1981	226 lbs. 0 oz.
GROUPE, YELLOWEDGE	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/2012	48 lbs. 9.28 oz.
GROUPE, YELLOWEDGE	SAME	TEDDY TINNEY	VESTIVIA HILLS, AL	4/7/2020	49 lbs. 15.04 oz.
GROUPE, YELLOWMOUTH	SAME	BRADLEY TINNEY	VESTAVIA, AL	4/27/2019	12 lbs. 6.72 oz.
HAKE, GULF	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	9/25/2016	5 lbs. 13.6 oz.
HAKE, SOUTHERN	SAME	JACK L. GAINES II	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	4/23/2006	3 lbs. 4.48 oz.

HIND, RED	SAME	WILLIAM HOLMES HILL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/1987	2 lbs. 14 oz.
HIND, ROCK	SAME	DANIEL "ELI" CAMPBELL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/2012	3 lbs. 7.2 oz.
HIND, SPECKLED	SAME	BRAXTON BRION HARDIN	NORTHPORT, AL	5/28/2011	39 lbs. 13 oz.
HOGFISH, SPANISH	SAME	GARRETT THOMAS AKRIDGE	MOBILE, AL	8/29/2015	1lbs. 8.96 oz.
HOGFISH, SPOTFIN	SAME	BO KEOUGH	ORANGE BEACH, AL	2/16/2018	1lb. 1.2 oz.
JACK, ALMACO	SAME	TYLER LAURENS VAN'T HOFF	IRVINGTON, AL	7/9/2021	52 lbs. 14 oz.
JACK, CREVALLE	CAVALLA	JOSEPH CONDRY POPE IV	ALABASTER, AL	10/31/2014	40 lbs. 2 oz.
JACK, HORSE-EYE	SAME	BENNIE RAY GOLDMAN, JR.	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/15/2021	28 lbs. 1 oz.
KINGFISH, GULF/SOUTHERN	WHITING/GROUND MULLET	LAMONT RIGNEY	EIGHT MILE, AL	4/9/2001	3 lbs. 0 oz.
LADYFISH	SKIPJACK	CLINTON A. COLLIER	CODEN, AL	9/26/2014	4 lbs. 10.6 oz.
LIONFISH, RED	SAME	TRAVIS WAYNE PRESSOR	MULBERRY, TN	6/1/2016	2 lbs. 13.76 oz.
LIZARDFISH, INSHORE	SAME	TAYLOR ANDREPONT	LAFAYETTE, LA	11/21/2017	1 lb. 0 oz.
LOOKDOWN	SAME	TERRELL KEITH SMITH	MOBILE, AL	8/24/1997	2 lbs. 2 oz.
MACKEREL, KING	SAME	JEREMY ALAN GOLDMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/20/2014	69 lbs. 15.84 oz.
MACKEREL, SPANISH	SAME	LINTON LARRY MATTHEWS	MOBILE, AL	10/19/1993	8 lbs. 12 oz.
MARLIN, BLUE	SAME	GINGER ANN MYERS	SUNSET, LA	7/5/2020	851 lbs. 14.4 oz.
MARLIN, WHITE	SAME	JAMES ASHLEY WALTERS	SATSUMA, AL	5/24/1997	98 lbs. 13 oz.
MOONFISH, ATLANTIC	MOONFISH	NATHAN GAGE SEDGEWAY	WILMER, AL	6/29/2019	1 lb. 8 oz.
MORAY, BLACKEDGE	SAME	HENRY W ARBONA IV	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	8/18/2020	2 lbs. 2 oz.
MULLET, STRIPED	MULLET	CHARLES E. HARRIS, JR.	GULF SHORES, AL	10/14/2019	3 lbs. 3.84 oz.
OILFISH	SAME	JAMES ALLEN COKER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	7/24/2016	55 lbs. 2 oz.
PERMIT	SAME	CATHERINE E. SIKES	WETUMPKA, AL	8/14/2020	4 lbs. 12.8 oz.
PIGFISH	SAME	JEFFREY EISEMANN	O'FALLOW, IL	7/5/2016	2 lbs. 4.6 oz.
PINFISH	SAME	ROY "TOJO" WHITE	CODEN, AL	5/15/2001	3lbs. 2 oz.
POMFRET, BIGSCALE	SAME	ADDISON GILLEY	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/28/2019	121 lbs. 11.6 oz.
POMFRET, KEELTAIL	SAME	WILLIAM TYLER CRUITT	GULF SHORES, AL	8/13/2021	29 lbs. 7.04 oz.
POMPANO, AFRICAN	SAME	RODNEY MICHAEL DUTTON	MOBILE, AL	9/9/1989	39 lbs. 7 oz.
POMPANO, FLORIDA	POMPANO	PATRICIA LYNN CLUCK	FOLEY, AL	4/28/2010	6 lbs. 13 oz.
PORGY, JOLTHEAD	SAME	JOHN B. BUCKLEW	CLANTON, AL	7/19/2020	7 lbs. 6 oz.
PORGY, KNOBBED	SAME	JOHN K. NEISSER	SOUTHBURY, CT	8/19/2020	3 lbs. 4 oz.
PORGY, RED	WHITE SNAPPER	JEREMY COLLINGS	THEODORE, AL	4/2/2011	7 lbs. 10.6 oz.
PORGY, WHITEBONE	PORGY	TURNER RUTLEDGE	NASHVILLE, TN	11/29/2019	8 lbs. .05 oz.
PUFFER, SMOOTH	SAME	BRETT L. RUSSELL, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	4/2/2013	10 lbs. 3 oz.
ROSEFISH, BLACKBELLY	SAME	NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/13/2012	4 lbs. 1 oz.
ROUGHY, BIG	SAME	LANCE SMITH	LITHIA SPRINGS, GA	6/6/2014	5 lbs. 0 oz.
RUNNER, BLUE	HARDTAIL	STACEY MICHELE MOIREN	MOBILE, AL	6/28/1997	11 lbs. 2.4 oz.
RUNNER, RAINBOW	SAME	LAKEN NICOLE SULLIVAN	LYNN HAVEN, FL	9/10/2006	19 lbs. 9 oz.
SAILFISH	SAME	R. L. MEADOR, JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 lbs. 0 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPINY CHEEK	SAME	HARRY MAC BARNES	MONTGOMERY, AL	11/26/2019	5 lbs. 13.12 oz.
SCORPIONFISH, SPOTTED	SAME	CURTIS NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/19/2015	3 lbs. 14 oz.
SEA BASS, BLACK	SAME	STEVE W. EDWARDS	MARIANNA, AR	7/31/2000	3 lbs. 2 oz.
SEAROBIN, BLACKWING	SEA ROBIN	CECILIA DANIELLE MUSSELWHITE	IRVINGTON, AL	4/24/2005	1 lb. 13 oz.
SEATROUT, SAND/SILVER	WHITE TROUT	ANTHONY "RYAN" CONKLIN	CODEN, AL	7/12/1997	6 lbs. 10.56 oz.

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SPECK	WILLFORD DUCHERME	ORANGE BEACH, AL	5/6/1980	12 lbs. 4 oz.
SHARK, ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE	SAME	CRAIG MIRONCHUCK	BAUXITE, AR	5/12/2006	16 lbs. 3 oz.
SHARK, BULL	SAME	JEFF MOORE	BIRMINGHAM, AL	6/10/2015	448 lbs. 4 oz.
SHARK, LEMON	SAME	TERRY L. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	7/21/1995	278 lbs. 8 oz.
SHARK, SHORTFIN MAKO	SAME	LARRY A. JOHNSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	8/20/1978	737 lbs. 0 oz.
SHARK, TIGER	SAME	LARRY GENE EBERLY	GULF SHORES, AL	6/24/1990	988 lbs. 8 oz.
SHARKSUCKER	SAME	RICHARD L. HAMLIN	CABOT, AR	9/21/2018	9 lbs. 4.4 oz.
SHEEPSHEAD	SAME	PATRIC GARMESON	DAPHNE, AL	3/29/2019	13 lbs. 14 oz.
SNAPPER, CUBERA	SAME	LADON SWANN	CODEN, AL	8/14/2015	94 lbs. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, DOG	SAME	MIKE E. NELSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/22/2018	16 lbs. 4 oz.
SNAPPER, GRAY	MANGROVE/BLACK	PAM WARD	FAIRHOPE, AL	5/16/2007	18 lbs. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, LANE	SAME	SCOTT E. JORDAN	SARALAND, AL	7/15/2011	8 lbs. 1 oz.
SNAPPER, MUTTON	SAME	MARCUS BRYANT	SEMMES, AL	6/25/2006	20 lbs. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, RED	SAME	MELVIN E. DUNN, JR.	THEODORE, AL	6/1/2002	44 lbs. 12 oz.
SNAPPER, SILK	SAME	ROBERT BRETT RUTLEDGE	MOBILE, AL	9/10/2016	9 lbs. 0 oz.
SNAPPER, VERMILION	BEELINER	JOHN W. DOSS	THEODORE, AL	5/31/1987	7 lbs. 3 oz.
SNAPPER, YELLOWTAIL	SAME	JOSHUA BOYD	FAIRHOPE, AL	11/11/2019	9 lbs. 9.6 oz.
SPADEFISH, ATLANTIC	SPADEFISH	ASHLEY NICHOLE OSBURN	WILMER, AL	7/14/2007	8 lbs. 8 oz.
SPEARFISH, LONGBILL	SPEARFISH	VALERIE P. JOHNSON	FAIRHOPE, AL	1976	53 lbs. 0 oz.
SQUIRRELFISH	SAME	MICHAEL SIMMONS	CONWAY, AR	8/4/2006	1LB 1 oz.
STARGAZER, SOUTHERN	SAME	MICHAEL BRYANT	MOBILE, AL	4/13/2006	6 lbs. 4.5 oz.
STINGRAY, ROUGHTAIL	SAME	DAN R. MIDGETTE	SEMMES, AL	8/6/2000	160 lbs. 0 oz.
STINGRAY, SOUTHERN	SAME	GORDON GRADY MCGLAWN	ALICEVILLE, AL	7/26/2007	151 lbs. 3.2 oz.
SWORDFISH	BROADBILL	WENDELL L. SAWYER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	9/16/2006	448 lbs. 0 oz.
TARPON	SAME	BILLY WILDBERGER	MOBILE, AL	8/15/1992	203 lbs. 0 oz.
TILEFISH	NORTHERN	DICK PAUL	PENSACOLA, FL	4/23/2014	35 lbs. 5.6 oz.
TILEFISH, BLUELINE	SAME	JOE FRESOLONE	MOBILE, AL	6/1/2014	10 lbs. 14 oz.
TILEFISH, GOLDFACE	GOLDEN-EYED	JEFFREY M. DODD	TRENTON, TN	7/18/2019	5 lbs. 7 oz.
TILEFISH, SAND	TILEFISH	TOMMY WILES	ALABASTER, AL	6/9/2016	2 lbs. 3 oz.
TOADFISH, GULF	OYSTER FISH	ANDREW MONTGOMERY	MOBILE, AL	8/13/2005	2 lbs. 8 oz.
TOADFISH, LEOPARD	SAME	JAMES MYRICK	SAND ROCK, AL	10/1/2006	4 lbs. 3 oz.
TOMTATE	RUBY RED LIPS	LAUREN OGLE	MUNCIE, IN	8/1/2014	1LB 4.8 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, GRAY	TRIGGERFISH	ROBBY MYERS	AXIS, AL	5/31/1993	13 lbs. 8 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, OCEAN	SAME	CHAD R. HILTON	GULFPORT, MS	8/10/2013	7 lbs. 10 oz.
TRIGGERFISH, QUEEN	SAME	JAKE TAFFARO, JR.	ELBERTA, AL	7/6/1999	7 lbs. 8 oz.
TRIPLETAIL	BLACKFISH	BOB BARNES	BAYOU LA BATRE, AL	1976	37 lbs. 5 oz.
TUNA, BIGEYE	SAME	BOBBY ABERNATHY	MERRYVILLE, LA	10/26/2014	236 lbs. 0 oz.
TUNA, BLACKFIN	SAME	DAVID DENICOLA	COLTS NECK, NJ	4/11/2014	43 lbs. 5.12 oz.
TUNA, BLUEFIN	SAME	JOHN ENGQUIST	BATON ROUGE, LA	6/3/2006	829 lbs. 6 oz.
TUNA, SKIPJACK	SAME	STROM SMITH	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS	8/31/2013	32 lbs. 6.4 oz.
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	SAME	MAURICE W. REDDELL	ORANGE BEACH, AL	3/22/2020	230 lbs. 0 oz.
TUNNY, LITTLE	BONITA	KYLE EUGENE DAVIS	IRVINGTON, AL	7/17/2021	22 lbs. 4 oz.
WAHOO	SAME	DAVID MATTHEW SUMRALL	MOBILE, AL	5/6/2006	123 lbs. 6 oz.
WRECKFISH	SAME	DOUG MALLONEE	SEMMES, AL	5/30/2006	68 lbs. 6 oz.

# MARINE RESOURCES CONSERVATION CONTACTS

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(334) 271-7700  
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## OTHER STATE AGENCIES

### ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

(800) 252-1818  
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### GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA & STATE OIL & GAS BOARD

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## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES

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### U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE DAPHNE FIELD OFFICE

(251) 441-5181  
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### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MOBILE DISTRICT-CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Regulatory Branch (Permits) - (251) 690-2658  
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[www.sam.usace.army.mil](http://www.sam.usace.army.mil)

### U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION IV

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[www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast](http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast)

### NOAA FISHERIES SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

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### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

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## PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

### ALABAMA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

(334) 285-4550  
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(205) 663-7930 (office)  
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### WEEKS BAY FOUNDATION

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### COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION - ALABAMA

(251) 478-3474  
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### MISSISSIPPI ALABAMA SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM

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### MOBILE BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

(251) 431-6409  
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### MOBILE COUNTY WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION ASSOC.

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### MOBILE BAYKEEPER

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### ALABAMA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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### ALABAMA COASTAL FOUNDATION

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## MARINE TOWING INFORMATION

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### BoatUS Towing

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## REPORT VIOLATIONS 24/7

### Marine Resources Division

(251) 476-1256



# Alabama's Offshore Artificial Reef Zones

The permitted reef zones off the coast of Alabama comprise the largest artificial reef program in the United States. The multiple permit zones consist of 1,173 square miles of permitted bottoms containing nearly 2,000 public reef structures and 9,000 privately permitted structures. The program initially began in the 1950s and contains reefs made of a variety of cleaned and approved materials including bridge spans, ships, army tanks, dry docks, farm equipment, pre-fabricated reef balls/pyramids, re-purposed concrete and decommissioned oil and gas platforms. The reef zone provides habitat for corals, barnacles, sponges, crabs, urchins, worms, baitfish and reef fish.



## ALABAMA'S OFFSHORE ARTIFICIAL REEF ZONES – MAP

